

petition. It is believed that no further fee is required. If, however, an additional fee is due, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

An abstract on a separate sheet is enclosed.

This Amendment cancels all the claims and replaces them with new claim 18 to 22. Support for these new claims is found in the claims which they replace. This claim have been rewritten in order to place the claim in compliance with conventional U.S. practice. Applicant urges that these claim do not narrow the scope of the process claim and thus the application of the doctrine of equivalent is not affected.

The Examiner is thanked for suggesting allowable subject matter. The present claim are directed to subject matter which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable.

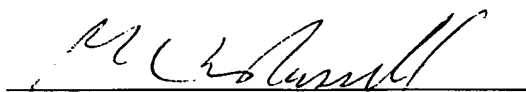
Claim 1 to 17 stand rejected under 35 USC §§ 101 and 112, second paragraph, for not reciting a process step. As the new set of claims recite a process step, it is urged that this rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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